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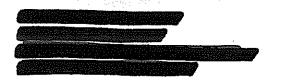
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Re: ETHICS BOARD FILE NO. 86025.I

Dear Dear

Board

At its regular meeting on June 8, 1987, the Board considered your letter of the same date requesting that the Board's decision "be held in abeyance and a reconsideration of the matter be postponed until the final Ordinance is passed by the City Council and becomes effective."

The decision of the Board was to decline your request, and reaffirm the determinations and requests for corrective action expressed in the Board's May 29, 1987 letter.

Because this case was decided under Executive Order 86-1, which has been in effect since January 1986, the Board considers the process of potential amendments to the Ethics Ordinance not to be relevant. Any such amendment would only have prospective effect.

The issue in this case, since November 1986, has been how to evaluate private representation on your part which clearly was not permitted under a literal interpretation of Section 10(a) of the Executive Order. In considering the matter carefully over a six-month period, including extensive correspondence with you, and in refraining from enforcing the full scope of the Executive Order provision, the Board certainly has not rushed to judgment in the matter.

In reaffirming its determination in light of your June 8 response, the Board extends the duration of recommendation 2 on page 5 of the Board's May 29 letter, so that the Board's recommendation to the Commissioners and the Chairmen of and the City Council is that agencies should not <u>interact</u> with you as attorney representative of Corporation in the matter during such time as Executive Order 86-1 remains in effect and you continue to serve on the



Finally, the Board notes that when the Executive Order is supplanted by the Ethics Ordinance, whether in its present or an amended form, the status of your representation of private clients before City agencies will, of course, be governed by the applicable provisions of the Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Howard

Chairman

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